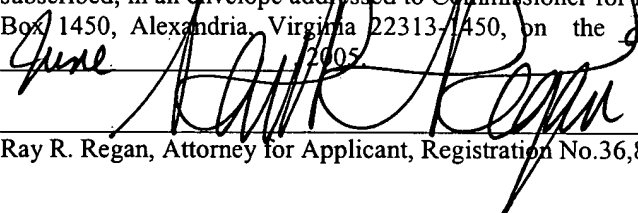


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Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, having a statutory period for response of six months as provided in 35 U.S.C. §133 reduced by the Commissioner to three months as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.136, a time set to expire June 22, 2005, please enter this Reply in connection with the above-captioned patent application ("Application").

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with this paper, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 501565 for the Law Office of Ray R. Regan, P.A.

No new matter has been added to the application because of any action taken in this Reply.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

The current Listing of Claims begins on page 4 of this paper; no amendments have been made to the claims.

Remarks and Arguments of the Applicant begin on page 10 of this paper.